

identified, during the process of the task force, that there were abuses occurring in the state, of people getting assets, transferring them, hiding the assets and then going into a nursing home and having Medicaid pay. And people were made about it. The question is fairness, is it fair for somebody else, who plays by the rules, end up losing and spending down their assets when they're in a nursing home, while somebody else has gone through these estate planning classes that are being held and hides their assets and then qualifies for Medicaid. And in fairness it is not right. So we feel that in terms of fairness this is the right thing to do. We don't like the idea of having everybody have to lose so much of their assets to qualify for Medicaid. It's not our desire to see that. But in fairness, those that are paying, and the way that they should be, ought not be penalized as a result of others taking advantage of the system. Now, back to the staffing point of Senator Schellpeper, again this is being looked at as a national standard. And I think in the A bill for this there is a provision that if the national standard does go forward, then you won't have to use the staffing. So, like I said, it looks like they're going to move in that direction. I don't know for sure, but this is the trend that's happening. And so I think we ought to be part of that. With that, I'd ask for your support in advancing the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. You've heard the closing on the advancement of LB 798. We'll now vote on the advancement. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 798.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Before we proceed to the next bill, I would like to introduce some guests to the Legislature. In the south balcony we have guests of Senator Janssen. They are 35 seventh and eighth graders from Trinity School in Fremont. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being here. LB 799.

CLERK: LB 799, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Wesely and a number of the members. (Read title) The bill was introduced on January 21, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time.